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1. DR. MOVANU, DIRECTOR OF THE SANITARY-VETERINARY DIVISION OF
THE ROMANIAN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD INDUSTRY, HAS
SUBMITTED THE FOLLOWING REPLY TO REF. A: QUOTE.

ANALYZING THE CONTENT OF YOUR LETTER OF JULY 14, 1978, WE ASCER-
TAIN THAT THE CERTIFICATION WHICH COULD BE MADE BY THE VETERIN-
ARY SERVICES OF THE US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR BREEDING
SWINE TO BE EXPORTED TO ROMANIA, IS GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE TO US,
EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING TWO OBSERVATIONS:

WITH REGARD TO LEPTOSPIROSIS, FROM YOUR LETTER IT SEEMS THAT THE
US VETERINARY SERVICES CAN ONLY CERTIFY THAT THE SWINE WERE
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VACCINATED AGAINST THE SEROTYPE OF LEPTOSPIRA POMONA. THIS
CERTIFICATION IS NOT ENOUGH, BECAUSE SWINE CAN HAVE MORE LEPTO-
SPIRA SEROTYPES. CONSEQUENTLY, IT IS NECESSARY THAT THE OFFICIAL
VETERINARY CERTIFICATE CERTIFIES THAT IN THE FARM
OF ORIGIN NO OTHER SEROTYPES OF LEPTOSPIRA HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED
AND THAT IN THE SERUM CONTROL BY MICRO AGLUTINATION TEST
PERFORMED TO ALL SWINE WITHIN 30 DAYS BEFORE THEIR EXPORT TO

ROMANIA, NO POSITIVE REACTION AGAINST OTHER SEROTYPES OF LEPTOSPIRA HAVE BEEN REGISTERED, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF LEPTOSPIRA POMONA, AGAINST WHICH SWINE HAVE BEEN VACCINATED.

WITH REGARD TO TRYCHOMONAS, THE US VETERINARY SERVICES DO NOT GIVE ANY CERTIFICATION; THIS CAN NOT BE ACCEPTED, CONSIDERING OUR COUNTRY'S CONDITIONS, IN WHICH MOST OF OUR SWINE ARE GROWN IN LARGE SIZE SPECIALIZED FARMS AND THE INTRODUCTION OF SOME INFESTED SWINE WITH TRICHINELLA SPIRALIS WILL REPRESENT A PARTICULAR DANGER. FOR THIS REASON, IT IS NECESSARY THAT BEFORE COMMERCIAL DISCUSSIONS BEGIN, THE US VETERINARY SERVICES AGREE THAT SWINE TO BE EXPORTED TO ROMANIA WILL BE CHECKED BY SERUM CONTROL. IN OUR COUNTRY THE PRECIPITATION TEST WITH LYPHYLIZED LARVAE OF TRICHINELLA SPIRALIS HAS RECENTLY BEEN INSTITUTED WITH GOOD RESULTS. THE SPECIALISTS OF THE VETERINARY RESEARCH INSTITUTE FROM OUR COUNTRY COULD SUPPLY THE NECESSARY ANTIGENS AND THE UTILIZATION RECOMMENDATIONS, AS WELL AS THE MEANS TO INTERPRET THE REACTION. IN CASE AN AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED ON THIS MATTER, THE OFFICIAL VETERINARY CERTIFICATE SHOULD CERTIFY THAT SWINE TO BE EXPORTED TO ROMANIA HAVE BEEN CONTROLLED BY THIS TEST AND ARE NEGATIVE.

IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, WE CONSIDER IT NECESSARY THAT THE EXPORTER SHOULD AGREE THAT HIS CONTRACT WITH THE ROMANIAN FOREIGN TRADE COMPANY "ROMAGRIMEX" STIPULATE THAT DURING THE

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60 DAYS QUARANTINE PERIOD AFTER SWINE ARRIVE IN ROMANIA, IF SOME ANIMALS SHOW POSITIVE REACTION AGAINST TRICHINELLA, THESE ANIMALS WILL BE SLAUGHTERED, THEIR VALUE BEING PAID BY THE EXPORTER. END QUOTE.
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